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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 29 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Burundi*

Other matters

Morning**	4398th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

** To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 32nd and 33rd plenary meetings of the General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall (see p. 5).

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1), A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51/Rev.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item 77* (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item* 78 (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5 and A/C.1/56/INF.1 and Add.1]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87] (A/56/13 and Add.1, A/56/290, A/56/375, A/56/382, A/56/420, A/56/421, A/56/430, A/55/1021)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.* 18th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115/Corr.1-E/2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395); Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [98 (a)] (A/56/25, A/56/3**, A/56/19, A/56/379, A/56/306)

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* See panel discussion, page 3.

** To be issued.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115] (A/56/203, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/342-S/2001/852, A/56/453, A/56/488)

Dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 1

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116] (A/56/206)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including revised resource requirements for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: Part II: Political affairs (A/56/6 (Sections 3-6) and Corr.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission for the year 2001
2. Executive session on UNAMSIL
3. Executive session on UNICEF

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion "Regional Perspectives on the World Summit on Sustainable Development", organized by the secretariat of the World Summit, on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 2*. The panel will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Secretary-General of the World Summit for Sustainable Development, will serve as a moderator. Presentations will be made by the following Chairmen or representatives of the World Summit regional round tables: Prof. Adebayo Adedeji (Africa); Dr. Asylbek Aidaraliev (Central and South Asia); Sir Alister McIntyre (Latin America and the Caribbean); Dr. Lawrence Papay (Europe/North America); Prof. Nordin Hasan (East Asia and the Pacific).

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 29 October 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(briefing on the International Conference on Freshwater)

2.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-item 99 (b) (Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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There will be meetings of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 29 and 30 October 20001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The Third Meeting on Contingency Planning for Burundi, organized by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, will be held on Monday, 29 October 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	32nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.1) [8]

2. Report of the International Court of Justice [13]

   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/456)

3 p.m.	33rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-Ended Working Group (A/56/47) [49]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20
(Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be two panel discussions on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration Around the World" and on "Globalization and the State" on Thursday and Friday, 1 and 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The detailed programmes along with the lists of panellists can be found on the Internet (http://www.unpan.org/webcast 2001_11.asp). There will be live coverage of the events at the same Internet address. Members of permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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Announcement

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials may be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel.: (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, on Tuesday, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 30 and 31 October 2001, at United Nations Headquarters. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of Member States (A/56/231) [8]

The representative of Egypt, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" (A/56/231).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Ukraine, at his request, to take his place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement

Statements were made by the representatives of Ethiopia and Cambodia.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-sixth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

31st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 31st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2001/209).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second phase of work (thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia, Burkina Faso, Madagascar, Switzerland, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Island countries), Guinea, Nepal, Uruguay (on behalf of Mercosur), the Niger, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Norway and Poland. The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.43.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.51.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.41.

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.2.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.27 and A/C.1/56/L.28.

The Secretary of the Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become co-sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.10, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.15, Brazil; A/C.1/56/L.28, Belarus; A/C.1/56/L.34, Liberia; A/C.1/56/L.40, Mongolia; A/C.1/56/L.43, Mongolia and Monaco; A/C.1/56/L.45, Burundi, Ethiopia, Honduras, Kenya, Lebanon, Namibia, Niger, Pakistan, Philippines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.47, Bolivia, Ecuador, Georgia and Monaco; and A/C.1/56/L.50, Viet Nam.

SECOND COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Ethiopia, the Republic of Korea, Suriname and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representative of the United Nations Population Fund also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 99 and its sub-items (a) and (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE — 22nd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Congo, the United Republic of Tanzania, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Croatia, Slovenia, Australia, Suriname, Guinea, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Pakistan, Malaysia, the Syrian Arab Republic and Ukraine.

A statement was made by the observer of Palestine.

A statement was made by the representative of International Committee of the Red Cross.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representative of Israel and the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work and informed the Committee that the meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 30 October would be cancelled.

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 18th meeting

Pattern of conferences [124]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), the Syrian Arab Republic and Morocco.

The Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services made a statement and replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Friday, 2 November 2001, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas Schlesinger (Austria).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee on the procedure agreed to by the Bureau to be followed during the informal consultations regarding the consideration of agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Canada, the United States, Egypt, Australia and South Africa.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Other matters

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/213, the Committee decided, to grant the requests of the President of the United Nations Staff Union to make a statement in the Committee in connection with agenda item 126 (Human resources management) and of the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Associations (FICSA) to make a statement in the Committee in connection with agenda items 126 and 127 (Human resources management and United Nations common system).

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 10th meeting

Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.3 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 173.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.5 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 168.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]

The representative of the Ukraine introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.6 regarding the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions.

The Chairman made a statement.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY — 209th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

Consideration of a letter from the Permanent Mission of Cuba concerning an order to seize the Permanent Mission's bank accounts and a letter from the Mission of the United States of America in response

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq and the United States.

Consideration and adoption of the Committee's report to the General Assembly (A/AC.154/2001/CRP.1)

The Chairman made a statement.

The Rapporteur introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Cyprus and Iraq and the United States.

The Chairman made a statement.

The report, as amended, was adopted by the Committee.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, Iraq, Malaysia and the United States.

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
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1974th and 1975th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [5]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Azerbaijan (CCPR/C/AZE/99/2).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Niger (24 October 2001)*

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (with Protocols I, II and III). Geneva, 10 October 1980

Accession: Mali (24 October 2001)*

Additional Protocol to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol IV, entitled Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons). Vienna, 13 October 1995

Consent to be bound: Mali (24 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Mali (24 October 2001)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Togo (26 October 2001)

Provisional application: Togo (26 October 2001)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM (UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS) (10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Donation Drive

In the context of recent events, the Medical Services Division has organized a Blood Donation Drive. This drive will be carried out by the New York Blood Center on Monday, 29 October 2001, on the south side of the Secretariat Lobby between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The UN grounds pass would be required at the donation site.

Please note that the criteria for blood donation used by the New York Blood Center are those of the Food and Drug Administration of the United States. If you have any questions about this campaign, please call 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Sudan
H.E. Mr. Elfatih Mohamed Ahmed Erwa

Asian States:
Sri Lanka
H.E. Mr. John de Saram

Eastern European States:
Georgia
H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Haiti
H.E. Mr. Pierre Lelong

Western European and other States:
Ireland
H.E. Mr. Richard Ryan

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